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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). The time to respond is thus extended to December 24, 2003. Applicant has included a check in the amount of \$420.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a).

In response to the Office Action of July 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

